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Mr. William J. Casey
Director
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Dear Mr. Casey:

As American citizens who have a thirst for knowledge of American foreign policy and world intelligence gathering capabilities and as seniors at Brown University, one of whom is a student of Prof. Lyman Kirkpatrick, we would like to sincerely thank you for visiting our Providence campus last evening and elaborating on the operations of today's Central Intelligence Agency.

We must admit that we were outraged by the display of juvenile, animalistic, and foolish behavior on the part of some of our fellow students. The disrespect shown by these vociferous "moral minority" academicians offends our sense of civil manner and respect which promotes an exchange of ideas through rational conversation and argument. This demonstration was totally uncalled for and is not representative of the Brown community as a whole. Unfortunately, many of these activists are ignorant of actual CIA functionings and rather than listening to you with courtesy and concentration, they chose to voice their individual protests and frustrations. Nevertheless, you deserve the highest compliment of diplomacy for listening to these offensive students with rationality and trying to explain to them factual information.

Our only comment concerning future lectures at college campuses by CIA personnel is perhaps you should distribute specific information about the topic to be discussed one to two weeks in advance of the appearance. As a result, better informed and attentive students will ask relevant and thoughtful questions as opposed to emotional replies and irrational statements.

We would like to apologize for the behavior of our peers.

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Had they understood your role in the United States government as an advisor and informant to the president as opposed to the head of a subversive terrorist organization, perhaps you would be receiving more letter like this one.

Continue the excellent work you and your agency is performing to maintain the high standards of our great country. We hope that your leg will soon recover and once again, thank you for coming to Brown University.

Sincerely,

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